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Organizations bring events to campus

CAPs brings comedians, Piscopo tickets on sale

Tickets for several different events during the month of April at Northwest are currently on sale in two locations.

Campus Activity Programmers are bringing comedian Joe Piscopo to Lamkin Gym on Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5 for Northwest students; \$8 for Northwest faculty and staff and other students; and \$10 for adults. All ticket prices increase by \$2 the night of the performances.

Piscopo will bring his multi-dimensional show featuring impressions he made famous on "Saturday Night Live" and other comic venues.

CAPs is also bringing in two other comedians during the month of April. Taylor Mason will bring his 1991 Star Search winning act to campus on Thursday, April 18, while Brad Lowery will perform on Wednesday, April 24. Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Advanced reserved seat tickets are \$1, with all tickets \$2 at the door.

Then on Friday, April 26, Northwest Celebration will hold a benefit concert for the Maryville Business and Professional Women. All proceeds go to the Northwest scholarship fund established by BPW. That show will begin at 8 p.m., with reserved seat tickets set at \$2 per person.

Tickets can be purchased during



Joe Piscopo

the day Monday through Friday at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are available from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at the Mary Linn Box Office.

The Cousteau Society lecture scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled next fall.



SOVIET ACROBATS—During a pre-performance practice Vladimir Serov and other members of the Soviet Acrobatic Revue freshen up their skills. The group tours to 65 cities and gives 75 performances over the span of four months. (Photo by Stacy Bauter)

Soviet dancers dazzle crowd

by Tonya Reser
Staff Writer

The Soviet Acrobatic Revue visited Northwest at 7:30 Tuesday, March 19. 550 people saw the variety of dancing brought to the stage of Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The show included jugglers, high-wire acts, acrobats, magic tricks, balance acts and romantic dancing.

This group has performed all over the world. Currently, they are on their North American debut tour.

The acts portrayed a combination of skill, romance, comedy and balance. The host for the show was a mime that performed three times, acting out such things as a sculptor, painter, surgeon and musician.

The acts sometimes included trickery and deceit as the audience believed one tight-rope walker was falling but instead he decided to hang upside down. He then did numerous flips around the wire. His partner walked across the wire blindfolded. Another one of the act members rode a unicycle across a slackwire.

"This show was amazing. I seriously thought that guy was going to fall but it was all part of the act. It was a great show and it familiarized me

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Committee to review off-campus housing

by Gene Morris
Managing Editor

Maryville's Zoning Committee will have a hearing to discuss the future of off-campus housing for college students at City Hall Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

The Zoning Review Committee will be submitting a proposal that would change the definitions of what a family is, according to Dr. Ed Ballantyn, chairman of the committee.

The present housing definition states that five people, unrelated or not, living in a house would constitute a family. The proposal would not consider five unrelated students living in a dwelling to be a family.

Under the current zoning laws, both R1 and R2 are established for single family dwellings. Several students can live in these homes and be considered a family under the

current zoning laws. The proposal would allow for only two students to live in a house in those areas.

The purpose of the proposal is to get better housing for students who live off-campus, Ballantyn said.

"A big problem in this town is slum landlords," Ballantyn said. "We have some atrocious housing off-campus. The hope is that we can get some better homes built by using this proposal."

Student Senate Off-Campus Representative Troy Bair said he is concerned with the proposal.

"I don't want to knock their efforts to improve housing, but I am concerned about the transition process involved. There is already a big housing problem off-campus and this could make it worse. Where are the students supposed to go?"

Ballantyn said there might be a housing problem for students living off-campus during the fall, but there

is never one during the spring. He also said some of the students currently living off-campus would fall under a grandfather clause and be exempt from the proposed law.

According to Ballantyn, if the property was registered with the city as a legal rental property then it would still be allowed to function as such as long as it did not stop housing people for more than 120 days.

The Zoning Review Committee is also proposing that the area from 4th and 12th streets be made R-4 properties or those available for multi-family dwelling. He said this could attract contractors to build better and safer homes for people to live in.

Bair said he had further concerns about the notification of student organizations that could be affected.

"I'm upset about it," Bair said. "They didn't inform Student Senate or the off-campus representatives about these proposals."

SMSU editor serves as voice for all college students

Access to records granted

by Gene Morris
Managing Editor

Campus crime records must be opened to the public, according to a ruling by a judge in Springfield, Mo. March 13.

The suit was brought against the Southwest Missouri State University by Traci Bauer, editor of the college newspaper. She sued the college saying that it concealed crime reports to protect its image.

Federal Judge Russell Clark awarded the Bauer one dollar in damages. She was seeking \$5,000 in actual damages, contending that her constitutional rights had been violated. Clark agreed in his 49-page ruling. He said that withholding the criminal investigation and incident reports is unconstitutional under the fifth and first amendments.

Clark said the crime reports are not exempt from disclosure under the state's open records law or protected as educational records by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

"The gentlemen who wrote the U.S. Constitution would be proud," Bauer told reporters after the case was decided. "Campus crime reports should be available to the public. We're fighting for our rights, and it's important that the media have access to the information we need to do our job of informing the public. It's even more important that we fulfill our obligation to act responsibly within the information that we gain."

Two weeks before the ruling was made, the Education Department told 14 colleges that identifying students in crime reports violates federal privacy laws and "jeopardizes" school funding. The colleges were listed in the Missouri court case as routinely identify-

ing students charged with crimes.

In a letter sent to the colleges during the case, LeRoy Rooker of the U.S. Department of Education threatened the colleges with loss of federal funds.

Part of the letter read, "The practice of disclosing information from campus law enforcement records to anyone other than law enforcement officials of the See BAUER p. 3

Case closed

by Gene Morris
Managing Editor

The Traci Bauer case has sent a sigh of relief through the lungs of college newspaper editors in the state.

Federal Judge Russell Clark awarded Bauer, the editor of Southwest Missouri State's newspaper, one dollar in damages. She had sued for \$5,000 in actual damages saying that her constitutional rights had been violated.

According to Ron Fifert, the editor in chief of Southeast Missouri State's newspaper, the decision did not affect him that much, but was still an important victory for the student journalist.

"For some campuses I am sure it will make no difference at all," he said. "For the ones that are having trouble, I would hope that it would set a precedent."

Northeast Missouri State's newspaper editor, Jim Connell, had similar reactions to the decision on the case.

"A lot of time there is a brick wall people just can't get around," he said. "It is a good decision to have on the books."

Where's the Parade?



Two Maryville children watch and wait for the beginning of Maryville's Third Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. For the past three years city leaders have tried to get the parade in the Guinness Book Of World Records for being the shortest, but have had no success so far. (Photo by Don Carrick)

Northwest gives lessons in democracy

By Laura Pierson
Editor in Chief

Northwest is helping four former communist countries in their struggle for democracy thanks to a grant written by University President Dean Hubbard.

Eight Eastern European officials from Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Romania arrived in Washington, D.C., on March 16, where they spent four days before visiting Kansas City. They will arrive in Maryville today where they will stay with host families until March 26.

The idea for the tour came to Hubbard during a plane ride to Boston.

"I was reading an article that said these communities in Eastern Europe were trying to figure out how to make democracy work. They had not experienced it for 45 years," Hubbard said.

Dr. Bob Bush, vice president/director of Applied Research, and Dr. Richard Frucht, associate professor of history/humanities, have been accompanying the delegation during the tour.

The tour has been carefully

planned by Bush to expose the visitors to a wide variety of local governments.

Hubbard said, "These are small community people talking with small community people, not some government bureaucrat who hasn't tried to hold a local election."

The European visitors are mayors and professors in their homelands.

While in Maryville, Frucht, along with faculty members Drs. Sharon

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OUR VIEW

Ruling paves way
for college media
access to records

Bravo, Traci Bauer!

College media access to campus crime records took a big step forward last week when a federal judge in Springfield ruled that these records are not protected by the Buckley Amendment.

Bauer, student editor of the Southwest Standard at Southwest Missouri State University, sued and won her court case against her university. Bauer sued after being denied access to a campus crime report involving a star athlete accused of rape.

For too long students committing crimes have been able to hide behind the Buckley Amendment which protected educational records.

Mark Goodman of the Student Press Law Center sees a double standard: "One foot off-campus, it's public information... One foot on-campus, it's protected by federal law."

Students that commit crimes should not be allowed to hide behind the skirts of the university, but should be treated like what they are - criminals.

It's not just the students though. Universities have long used the Buckley Amendment to avoid releasing crime records that would result in bad publicity.

Educators insist the only way for students to protect themselves from campus crime is through awareness. Yet those same educators protect criminals by not releasing their records.

The college media's battle is not over. Bauer's case set a precedent that made the country sit up and listen; now we need a law.

Without a law, university officials are not yet required to release crime records. We can only hope that soon, the students' cry for the information they need to protect themselves will be answered.

If the best protection is awareness, then we need the facts to be aware.



WELCOME BACK!

Stroller is the king of the road

Hero learns highway etiquette



STROLLER

Welcome back, Spring Breakers. Isn't it depressing that you have to wait a whole year to have a legitimate excuse for that much fun again?

Hopefully everyone had a great and safe time this year. If your trip was anything like your Stroller's, you discovered untapped travel skills that you weren't aware of.

After hours of travel, the mind begins to play strange games. For instance, don't you get wrapped up in how many different license plates you see on the interstate?

I have to admit, after nearly 26 straight hours of travel, I was ready to write my congressmen and complain about Missouri's plain red plates. For being the Show-Me State, we sure aren't showing much in the license plate department.

There is an unspoken loyalty between travelers from the same state

that I wasn't aware of before. This almost turned out to be a problem until I realized what was going on. We had traveled many miles and it was getting very late when this huge truck from out of nowhere suddenly began to keep pace with us and began honking uncontrollably.

Now, I don't know about you, but when you're not in your home state, on a deserted road and a person who could be an escaped convict for all you know begins paying a lot of attention to you, you tend to get a little nervous.

After many unreturned glances, this strange man with a bumper sticker that said, "Happiness is raising tobacco," proceeded to roll down his window, toast the air with his beer and yell, "I'm from Missouri, too!"

Excuse me, but when you can't even pronounce the state's name

rectly don't be so quick to become involved in public relations. As much as we wanted to stay and chat, we picked up speed from there on out.

When the excitement died down from that incident, I once again found myself searching for ways to make the miles go by faster. You can attempt to count mile markers or billboards, but that tends to have too much of a hypnotic effect. So I decided to play with the radio.

When you're talking about all-day travel, radio stations tend to play the same songs over and over. I decided to broaden my cultural horizons and listen to stations that would not normally be my first choice.

When you're tired and silly it doesn't take much to amuse yourself. The next thing I know I'm actually listening to Spanish music and thinking I understand it. You haven't really

lived until you've heard the Mexican version of "Margaritaville." And when you begin to sing along, in the same language, it's time to pull over, and sleep.

Probably one of the most difficult things to manage was the change in speed limits and the courage of native drivers in the South. In Missouri you wonder if it is okay to go 75. In the South, if you don't go at least 75, you get honked at and flipped off, literally. This happened more than once when we were headed for our destination.

By the end of the week, you could tell we were getting used to it because we were passing the new swarm of tourists and in some cases, using gestures of our own.

Who says Spring Break isn't educational?

Back burning issues
move to forefront

Morris Code

by Gene Morris
Managing Editor

Now is no time
for apathy; put
pen to paper

Now that the sand has settled in the Middle East, the United States is forced to take a more serious look at other problems of national concern.

The current recession is a problem the nation needs to look at. Many people are blaming it on the war, but let's get real folks. The recession was already started before we even began Operation Desert Shield in August.

Another problem the nation has failed to look at is the deficit. It is one that has been talked about many times, but talk among politicians is cheap.

There is also the sad state of education in the United States with funding becoming harder and harder to come by. Doesn't sound much like an educational president does it?

Who's to blame for the lack of action? Unfortunately, I am. However, you are, too.

Do you know who your senator is? When was the last time you wrote your senator a letter concerning one of our national problems? Do you know who your state representative is? When was the last time they heard from you?

It is all too easy to forget about what is going on in Washington. We are able to kid ourselves and say, "My voice doesn't mean much in American politics. They won't read my letter."

It is hard to keep up with political issues facing our nation, but, as Americans, we should. We have a rare freedom which allows us to shape our nation. We need to take a more active role, but that requires a lot of work. It is work many of us

would rather look the other way to avoid.

Hard work is what made America what it is today. If we fail to meet the challenges of our times as a nation, it is not only the fault of those who hold office, but the fault of those who voted for them or those who failed to vote at all.

The scary thing is that a small portion of the nation is making things happen. Are they looking out for you? I doubt it. Unfortunately, the most politically active people in the United States are those involved in interest groups, so unless they support your particular interest, they are not looking out for you.

How much time would it take to call your congressman? Could you spend five minutes writing your senator and letting them know how you feel?

The facts are that these politicians hold their positions because the people elected them. They work for us, but they will never do what we want them to until we express that to them.

America is becoming an apathetic nation on the whole. We are not involved in American government and we blame them when things go wrong, while it is really our fault. We want the fast food approach to solving our problems. We want the answers now and we want them fast. We also don't want to do any of the work.

It is time for us to wake up and take a stand. If we want things to get done, we have to stop complaining and start working.



LETTERS

Homeless need help, not harassment

To the Editor:

I am writing to comment on the feature story titled "What it is like to live on the street." I felt the article was very well written and made some very good points. I would like to make some additional comments concerning the plight of the homeless.

I did an internship this summer at a homeless shelter in the inner city of Kansas City. I met many people who felt as the author stated when he said "there was no such thing as a safe place to sleep." Even when the homeless stayed at our shelter, many felt unsafe despite the roof over their head. They didn't feel safe because they didn't have a place to call home. They didn't feel safe because they had no security. They couldn't see past the next few seconds or minutes. All that was ahead of them was the vicious circle of life. They couldn't get a job because they didn't have a home, and they couldn't get a home because they didn't have a job. For many, staying on welfare was seemingly their only option.

In hearing people talk about this article, I heard many people say things such as, "They could get a job if they really wanted to," or "If they would just try, they could get out of this situation." The homeless often look like an average every day person, and, surprisingly, many of the homeless have high school diplomas and college degrees and have been struck with a bad set of circumstances. On the other hand, there are those who have no motivation to better themselves, and they use and abuse the system to survive.

The question I raise is do we ignore the problem because of those who abuse the system. My answer is an emphatic no! Despite the fact that many people weave in and out of the system, they are no less in need of help than anyone else; the kind of help they need just differs. Those who are a victim of bad circumstances need help getting back up on their feet by looking at programs which could benefit them, as well as needing some counseling.

The others need more in depth counseling to find the reason behind their lack of motivation. Although I have categorized the homeless into two categories, it is important to realize that the homeless problem is more than numbers and categorizing people, the homeless are real people with real problems.

Awareness is just the first step in a long line of many steps to aid the homeless. I hope that this letter has given some more insight into the problem. It is a real problem, and as the article said, "one of America's most overlooked problems." Wake up America! Surely, they deserve more than that," says the author, but what are we really willing to do?

Sherri R. Adelman



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Europeans set to study government

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Browning, George English, Mark Jelavich and David McLaughlin will conduct workshops explaining local governments to the visitors.

Previously in Washington, the Europeans met with the mayor, who talked to them about managing a major city. They also met with Missouri senators and representatives and learned how bills become law.

In Kansas City they met with the mayor, economic leaders and members of the Mid-America Regional Council. They toured Farmland Industries this morning before arriving in Maryville.

Over the next few days they will visit with government leaders in Maryville, Chillicothe and St. Joseph, since all three have differing forms of city government. The Europeans will be briefed on law enforcement and tour water treatment plants and local industries.

The group will travel to Lincoln, Neb., on March 22. Hubbard said Nebraska was chosen as one of the stops since it is the only state with a unicameral form of government.

The group will meet with state legislators in Jefferson City on March 27 before their final stop in New York City.

"I hope they go back with a feeling for the rich diversity that democracy allows," Hubbard said.

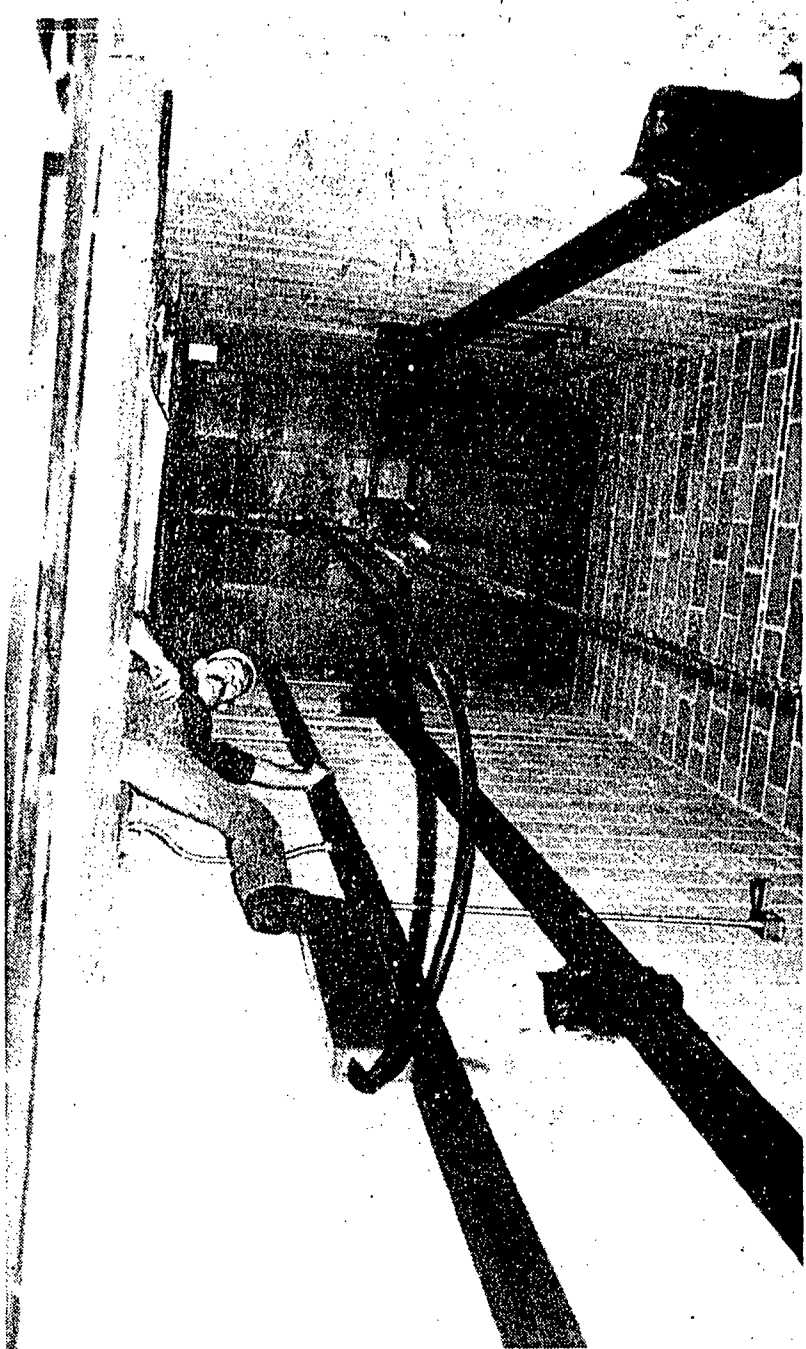
He added that he wants students to interact with the visitors as much as possible.

"I hope students gain an appreciation for the need to be multicultural in their own training," he said.

The tour is sponsored in part by a \$50,000 grant from the United States Information Agency. The remaining \$79,467 is being picked up by Northwest.

Elevator undergoes repair

Uplifting Experience



COLDEN CONSTRUCTION-Inspecting an elevator shaft in the lower east wing of Colden Hall, Jim VanZant, an elevator specialist from Kansas City, assists in the installation of new hydraulic cylinders for the elevator. The old hydraulic cylinders, which helps push the elevator up and down, were leaking hydraulic fluid. (Photo by Ray Eubanks)



AROUND the tower

Auditions held next week

The theatre department and the University Players will be holding auditions for two lab series productions.

Auditions will be held from 6-10 p.m., Monday, March 25, in the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building room 200.

The auditions are for "The Wild Flowering of Chastity," directed by George Auffert and "Twelve O'Clock Murder," directed by Nancy Hendren.

Gift presented this afternoon

The Summer 1990 graduating class will be presenting its gift to the University this afternoon.

The class donated funds to purchase an oil painting from Mr. George Rose, associate professor of art. The painting is entitled "Evening Light" and has been hung in the permanent art collection of the Owens Library.

The unveiling will be held at 1:30 this afternoon in the library. A reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Rose will be held immediately following in the library student lounge.

Date set for golf classic

Mike Johnson, operations manager of KXCV-FM, has announced that the date has been set for the third annual Bob Foster-KXCV Golf Classic.

The Classic will be held starting at noon, Friday, April 26, at the Maryville Country Club.

The format of the Classic is a two-man scramble with the entry fee being \$60 per team. Entries must be received at the Maryville Country Club by April 25. They will be limited to a maximum of 36 teams.

The entry fee includes awards, a sandwich buffet following the tournament and prizes. Rain date for the event is May 3.

For more information, contact Zo Severson at the Maryville Country Club.

Lot closed for contest

Due to a music contest for area high school students, the parking lot behind Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building will be closed Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22.

Poetry reading held tonight

Albert Goldbarth, distinguished professor of humanities at Wichita State University, will give a reading of his poetry at 8 p.m. tonight in the Union Ballroom. There is no admission charge. Goldbarth's visit is sponsored by the English Department, the Green Tower Press and the Culture of Quality Project.

Goldbarth has published numerous books and has won many awards including a Guggenheim Fellowship. He has also won several National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowships.

His recent works include "Dreft," an essay-poem chapbook recently published by the Green Tower Press.

Pre-registration checklist Fall and Summer 1991

Pre-registration hours: 9 a.m.-noon
1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Pick up advisement packet—

* March 25 - Seniors (90 hrs. or more completed)/Graduates

* March 26 - Juniors (60-89 hrs. completed)

* March 27 - Sophomores (30-59 hrs. completed)

* March 28 & 29 - Freshmen (less than 30 hrs. completed)

Pre-register at Registrar's Office at your one appointed time or any later time during pre-registration (See appointment card) —

* Seniors/Graduate Students - April 2,3,4

* Juniors - April 5,8,9

* Sophomores - April 10,11,12,15

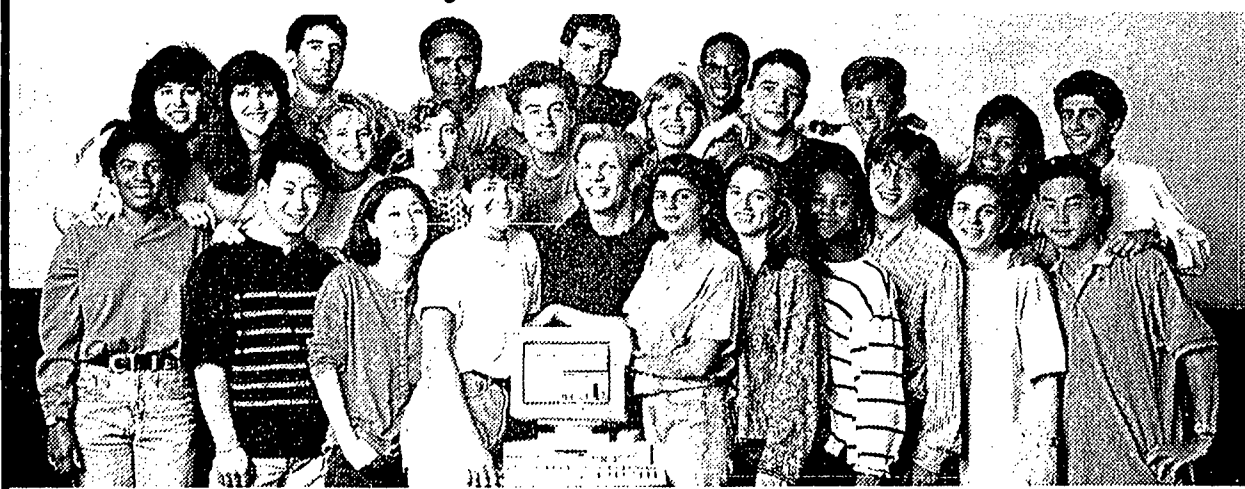
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* Carry-over days are April 23, 24 and 25.

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Revue visits campus in North American debut tour

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with the Russian culture a little better," said Freshman Dawn Buscher.

A couple performed the elegant Russian Dance and another couple did a balance routine together.

Many community members attended the show. One Maryville resident, Harold Fields, stated that he thought it was excellent that they moved so rapidly the show was delightful.

"We have season tickets. It was very enjoyable, much more than I thought it would be," said Maryville resident Jane Twaddle.

The show was presented to Northwest through Northwest Encore Performances.

Editor wins important battle

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same jurisdiction subjects the ... records to ... provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Acts.

According to Mark Goodman of the Student Press Law Center, there was a double standard.

"One foot off-campus, it's public information. ... it's protected by federal law," he told reporters.

A Southwest Missouri State spokesman said the case should change the way things are handled by colleges in Missouri.

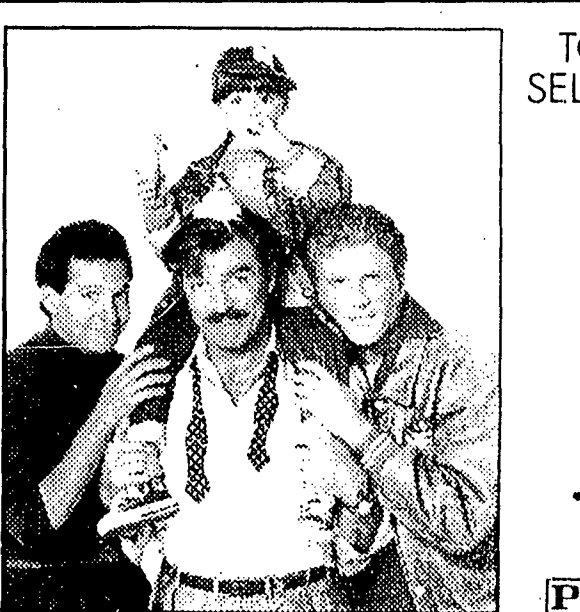
"This is a precedent-setting case which could affect thousands of schools in Missouri and across the country," spokesman Paul Kincade told reporters after the ruling.

Northwest Missouri State University President Dean Hubbard said only time will tell if the crime reports would be released.

"We don't want to be acting outside of the law," he said. "In this instance we'll have to wait or we jeopardize everyone's financial aid; that would be devastating. If the Department of Education has decided to throw down the gauntlet on this, we'll do whatever they say."

Northwest's Director of Campus Safety Jill Hawkins was not able to comment on the case. She said that her office would be reviewing the decision and discuss its meaning with Public Relations Director Robert Henry as well as Dean of Students Denise Ollinger.

Twin sisters bring double talent to Bearkitten softball diamond



TOM SELLECK STEVE GUTTENBERG TED DANSON

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LION DANCE- During the Chinese New Year Dinner, Ya Ping Chang and Lee Chun-Mei, two Taiwanese girls from the Chinese Students Association perform a traditional lion dance with the assistance of Chan Chang Wei and Isao Agegami who play the role of the lion. The students plan to introduce this foreign cultural art to Americans in the International Talent Show next month. (Photo by Amos Wong)

Foreign students experience America

by Jun Cao (John)
Contributing Writer

While Northwest students were lying on sunny beaches, drinking Bud, driving a 4x4 on the Arizona desert, or listening to country music at home, what were international students doing during Spring Break?

Although most of the international students missed home, the nine-day break is too short for them to go back. But it's the right time to go out of Missouri and say "hello" to America.

From the map, Maryville is nearly in the center of the United States. Students went out in all directions. Matsukata Yuichiro, Hiroki Miyatake, and five other Japanese students, who are enrolled in Northwest's English Preparatory Program, went to New Orleans. David Liu and William Chen, two Taiwan students, went to three famous cities on the east coast, Philadelphia, New York City and Washington D.C. Led by Tan Geok Tsu, president of Chinese Students Association (CSA), four members went to Chicago and Milwaukee. Ko Wang, third floor R.A. of Tower from Hong Kong, invited by her friends, went to San Jose, Cal. Also many students went to visit their friends. Marcos Garcia, a Spanish student at Northwest, went to Iowa to visit his high school friends.

There were still many students remaining on campus. About 62 students stayed on campus during Spring Break, including the Bearcat baseball team. Phillips and Franken Hall were open for these students. Northwest's Food Service no longer provided service during break, so students had to cook for themselves or go to the home of friends to eat. What did these international students do in the resident halls?

Premala Balasubramaniam, English major from Malaysia, said, "I will sleep a lot, eat a lot and relax. Maybe I will also study a little bit." When asking her if the break would be too long so that she would feel bored, she said no problem. Like Premala, many international students took the chance to relax from the intense studying period. Sometimes they watched HBO or video tapes. Most of their days were spent studying a little bit, relaxing a lot and doing some activities.

On March 9th, a group of students from Mainland China went Indian Cave State Park, Neb., to have a

new taste of Indian culture.

On March 10th, Northwest International Student Organization (ISO) sponsored a picnic lunch in Beal park. About 28 students attended the lunch, and they played soccer and volleyball after lunch. Every student has his/her own culture, but they got along well, and they looked like a big happy family.

On March 16th, Northwest Skydiving Club practiced their first jump from 3,000 feet high. One of the fifteen jumping members, Olivine Lo, who is from Hong Kong said, "It's funny, interesting and stimulating. I like it very much."

Do not forget there were still a lot of students who studied hard during Spring Break. There is a TOEFL (Test Of English as a Foreign Language) test held at the University of Missouri at Kansas City on March 9th. A lot of Japanese students had to pass it, or they could not get out of the program and enroll in Northwest. There was also a GMAT test at UMKC on March 16th.

Isao Azegami, junior business management major from Japan, got up at four in the morning to take the test. He wanted to find a good business graduate school, and he said he would probably choose Northwest. Also, you could find three MBA international students studying all the time in the library when the it was open. One of the students, Dave Zhao said, "We have three major papers this semester, and we nearly have a paper to write every week, so I have to study." Like Dave, many international students also had tests or papers due the week after Spring Break. They had to spend time studying.

If you take a look at Northwest post line, you will find that there will be a 11th Annual International Talent show next month. Many international students want to show American students their culture at that time. So Spring Break was a chance for them to prepare for it. On the first floor of Franken Hall, one could find a group of girls from Taiwan and Malaysia practicing the Ribbon Dance. They tried to find the best "hand languages and body languages" to show Americans this traditional Chinese dance. CSA also wanted to make the equipment themselves for the Lion Dance.

So, what was the international students' lives like during Break? It was only two words: VARIOUS but FUN.

Hair today, gone tomorrow



From
Left Field

by Don Carrick

It's gone, all of it. Departed, out the window, five years of effort and hard work right down the toilet. I'm talking about my hair.

My long tresses are gone. I started growing them my junior year in high school. I was quite the "hippie" type my junior year. I called everyone a "facist" or a "repressed member of the middle-class capitalist society." Needless to say, I got into a lot of fights that year. At times my hair did get a little too long for my liking and I had to shorten it. At its longest it was about halfway down my back. This caused a few minor problems.

The first of these problems was that I was constantly being mistaken for a girl. People would come at me from behind and say "Hello Miss," or "Hi Darlin'." Once I was on a cross-country trip with my Mother and Sister when we decided to stop at an eating establishment. We had just sat down when the waitress came over and asked, "What would you ladies like today?" I answered in my lowest voice, "I'd like for you to tell me where the hell your men's room is." I believe that set her straight.

Of course, there were times when it was funny when this

happened. I was down in St. Joe with some friends one Saturday night, just cruising up and down the strip. (Which there's a law against now. It's good to see that they're doing something about that terrible crime of driving up and down the street. I think all violators should get the chair.) We stopped at a stop light, and the guys in the car right next to us started howling and yelling at the girls in our car. This ticked me off. How dare they yell at my friends! How dare they act so rude! How dare they not realize that I'm a guy! I leaned out the window and started yelling, "Hey fellas. Woo woo. You boys look so sweet! Come on over here and give me a big kiss!" They either thought that I was crazy or the ugliest girl in the world because they left about 12 yards of rubber behind them. I ended up being the girls' hero for the night. (Which is a tough burden to bear, believe me.)

Now, I want you to realize that having long hair is not always sweetness and light. For one thing, you can't just get up in the morning, throw on a hat, and go to class, unless you want to look something like the Bride of Frankenstein. I started to catch a brief peek at what women go through in the morning. It took about two hours for my darn hair to dry! I had to get up two hours before I had to go anywhere! That put a serious dent in my sleep time I can tell you.

There were a lot of times that I got up too late and wanted to put a grain sack over my head. The only real solution was to put on a lot of cologne to divert the interest of everyone around me from my hair and to the reek of my "Eau de Musk de Chep." It was an effective diversion technique, although many of my fellow students almost asphyxiated.

So, I got bored over Spring Break. The plans for travel to Buffalo, N.Y. were a bust. (It sounded like a good idea to me), and so I decided it was time for a change. The hair was getting in my face, choking me in my sleep. It was as if it had gained a mind of its own and was intent on murdering its downstairs neighbor. I made the appointment to get it all chopped off. They administered a light sedative and when I awoke, viola, I could see my neck once again.

I couldn't stand to lose it all, I still have a small tail. I feel it's my own little part of rebellion and immaturity. It seems like everybody's just a little too serious sometimes, so I guess every one in the world needs a ponytail every once in a while. We could sell them as hair appliances.

The sadder you are the longer you can get them. I can just see Saddam Hussein in a three foot ponytail right now. There you have it, my idea for peace in our time. Just have everyone wear ponytails.

Costner's "Wolves" a box office hit

by Gene Morris
Managing Editor

Co-producer, director and star of "Dances with Wolves," Kevin Costner has made his mark on the directing scene with a giant step in this classic.

If you only see one movie this year, "Dances with Wolves" is the movie see. It is a gripping saga of a Civil War hero, played by Costner, and his experiences with a tribe of Sioux Indians.

The movie, which has been nominated for 12 Oscar Awards (including best picture), lets you see the taming of the frontier through the eyes of the Indians.

Dunbar is a Civil War hero, after riding his horse across the enemies position and creating a distraction for the Union Army. He is decorated and given his choice of duties. He decides to see the frontier before it is all gone.

During his time at the fort, which

was deserted except for him, he meets a tribe of Sioux Indians. They have trouble communicating at first, but a white woman with the tribe gradually helps as a translator between the soldier and the tribe.

The movie left me with a sense of remorse. I was extremely saddened by what we had done to the Indians. This is one scene where Dunbar alerts the tribe of buffalo in the area and the Indians begin their hunt. During the hunt, the tribe passes a valley covered with buffalo that had been shot and killed only for their hides.

The wagon trails on the ground left little doubt as to who was responsible. The white man had invaded the Sioux territory and killed for their own purposes. Unlike the Indians, the white man wasted most of the buffalo, using only the skins.

The scene just showed how inhuman we actually were. The Indians

were counting on the buffalo to live. They used everything from the animals, leaving nothing wasted.

Dunbar had been told the Indians were poachers and animals of sorts. He had found none of that to be actually true. The Indians were extremely polite and intelligent. Dunbar wrote in his journal that he had never seen a "people more honest, loving and dedicated to family."

I felt cheap after the movie was over, because I was a white man. I had trouble believing my people could have done this, but I knew they did. I was ashamed and embarrassed by what we had done.

Another part of me hurt in another way. I have some Cherokee blood in me and I could not help but think of what the white man had done to them. It wasn't only what we had done to the Sioux, but really what we did to all of the Indians.

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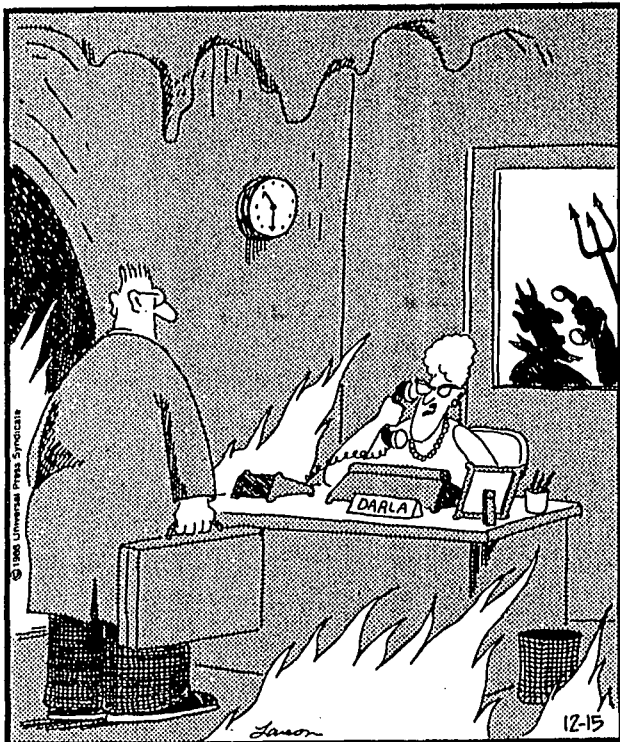
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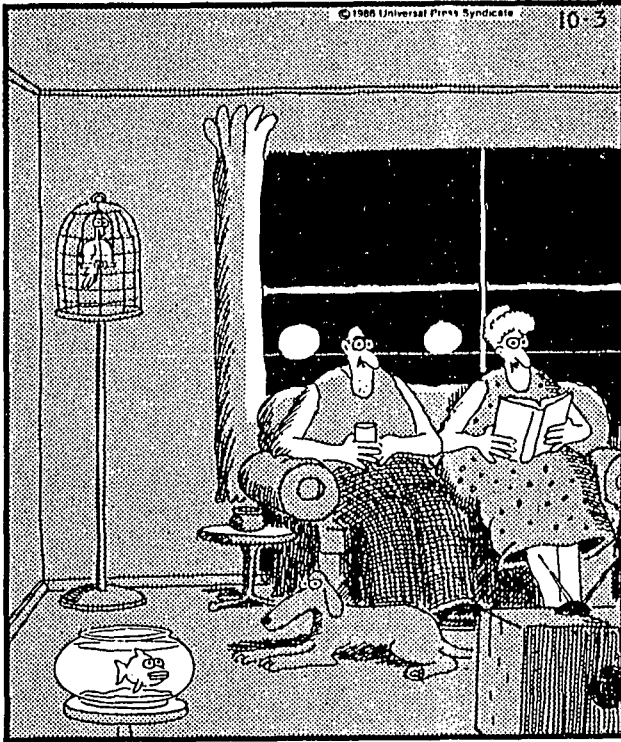
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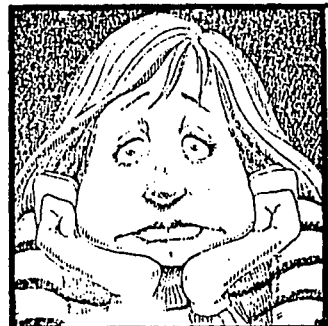
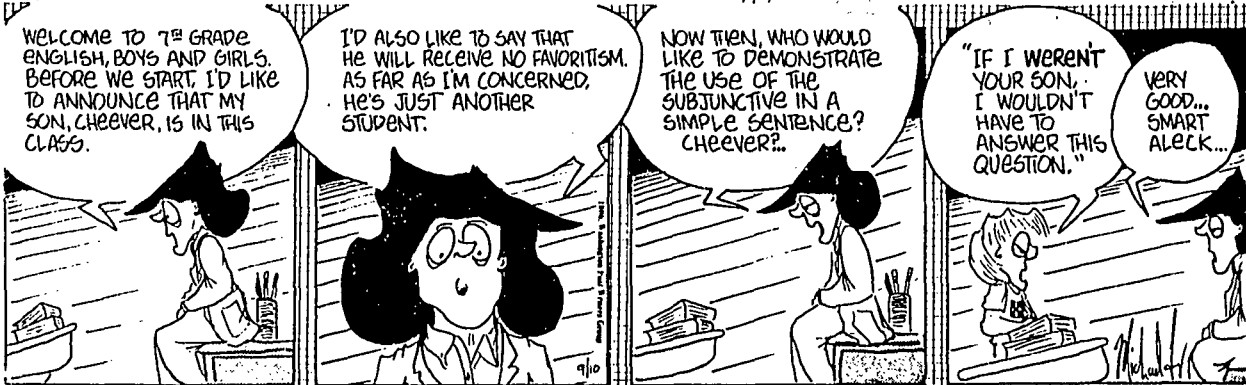
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by Michael Fry



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REM changes its tune on new release



Music Review

by Pat Ley
KDLX Program Director

REM is a band that defies definition. Just when you think you've got them all figured out, they go off and do something completely different than you expect. This is especially true of their latest effort, "Out of Time."

Conspicuously missing from "Out of Time" is Michael Stipe's socially conscious lyrics and guitarist Peter Buck's power chords. In their place are introverted themes and big, swirling melodies.

For this album, REM takes all the experimentations of their past 10 years and mixes them all together. They make extensive use of everything they've toyed with over their career, such as an eight-piece string section (complete with

violins, cellos, and a double bass), flugelhorn, harpsichord, pedal steel guitar and mandolin. And the increased use of bassist Mike Mills and drummer Bill Berry on vocals give the songs added depth.

The songs on "Out of Time" have no single sound. They range from deep, brooding melodies ("Low") to bright, cheerful pop ("Shiny Happy People"). The variety of instruments used on the album gives REM a musical range that hasn't been present in their previous albums. Lyrically, there is also a broad range of themes.

On one extreme, there is "Low," which is so depressing it would probably cheer up Robert Smith of The Cure ("I skipped the part about love/It seemed so shallow and low"). On the other side of the spectrum is "Shiny Happy People" and its subtle sarcasm. It makes one wonder who REM is ridiculing. (Could it be those who think "The One I Love" is a love song?)

The diversity of the songs is further enhanced by guest vocalists Kate Pierson (B-52s) and rapper KRS-1 (Boogie Down Productions). The big Surprise on the album is Mills' and Berry's vocals. On "Near Wild Heaven" they combine with Stipe to create Beach Boys-like harmonies. And on "Texarkana," arguably the best song on the album, Mills takes over lead vocals. His voice perfectly matches the dreamy melodies of that song.

Musically, many of the songs could easily fit into any of REM's previous releases. "Endgame" and "Country Feedback" could have been outtakes from Fables of the Reconstruction ("Feedback" also could have been on Neil Young's latest album) while "Me in Honey" would have been a nice ending to Reckoning.

Overall, it would be difficult to say this is REM's best album, since they have made so many good ones. But, it is a definite step forward for the band.

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Congratulations Brandon and Melissa - Best of luck in your future life together. Don't drive each other nuts during the planning -- that's what marriage is for.
The Basement Geeks

Heather - Guess what?! It's less than 2 months. Hang on -- we'll make it!!
Your Roomie

Hey Newsgang, It's a beautiful day in our neighborhood again! It's about time!

Laura - Thanks for the great coverage of our big event.
All our love,
Michelle and Jose

Sabina! and Nikki - Hey Black Licorice and Candy Swann, you put on a great balcony show!! Thanks
Dr. X

Bubby - Congratulations!! You finally made it (I hope)!
Love ya,
Sis

To "Rachel", my breakfast compadre - Insensitive Brat Single Minded - you know the rest. Let's go mix cultures and put cheese on the rice. Then we can watch Jackson -- he's all kinds of hot. Thanks for giving me 14,000 things to be happy about!
Harrietta Jr.

Annie - Glad to be back. Really missed you over break. Up with the snow ya know...
Scooter

How do I even begin to thank everyone for their support. You have showed me that you believe me and care about what I think and need. This school is the greatest and so are all of you!
Trish

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"Three Men & A Little Lady"
Dugout 7:30 p.m.
Bearcat/Kitten Track
CMSU Invitational
Bearcat Tennis vs Southern IL
Board of Regents Meeting
Conference Center 10:00 a.m.
IFC Meeting
Northwest Room 4:30 p.m.
Circle K Meeting
Governor's Room 5:15 p.m.
Panhellenic Council Meeting
Stockman Room 4:30 p.m.
Summer Sr. Class Gift Unveiling
Owens Library 1:30 p.m.

March 22, 1991

"Three Men & A Little Lady"
Dugout 7:30 p.m.
Bearcat Tennis
Iowa State
Kitten Tennis
Iowa State
ISO Meeting
Third Floor Union 7:00 p.m.

March 23, 1991

"Wheel of Nutrition" Game
Easter's Family Foods 9:00 a.m.
C-Base Test
Cpldon Hall 228 8:00 a.m.

March 25, 1991

Student Payday
Cashiering
Campus Rec Softball Entries
Campus Rec Office 3:00 p.m.
Sr./Grads Advisement Sheets
Registrar's Office 9:00 a.m.

March 26, 1991

North Kan. City School Interviews
Lower Lakeview Room
Junior Advisement Sheets
Registrar's Office 9:00 a.m.

March 27, 1991

Campus Rec Softball Meeting
Martindale Gym 302 5:00 p.m.
Dr. Carson Lecture
Charles Johnson 7:30 p.m.
Music Recital
Charles Johnson 3:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Simpson & Drake
Indianola, Iowa
Bearcat Baseball
Kansas State
Sophomore Advisement Sheets
Registrar's Office 9:00 a.m.
Kitten Tennis vs Graceland
Grube Courts 3:00 p.m.
Dr. Carson Book Signing
Bookstop 4:00 p.m.



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